

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 10:00am
Online Service
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Grace Episcopal Church
336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

PRELUDE :

Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)

by: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash, arr. Bethany Hamill

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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN #61

“SLEEPERS, WAKE!” A VOICE ASTOUNDS US

“Sleepers, wake!” a voice astounds us,
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
Their urgent summons clearly spoken:
“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
That you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchman singing;
Her heart with joyful hope is springing,
She wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
In strength of grace, in truth victorious:
Her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate Word,
Alleluia! We follow all and heed your call
To come into the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
Let saints and angels sing before you,
As harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:
Through them we stream to join the immortals
As we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight:
Alleluia! Therefore we sing to greet our King;
Forever let our praises ring.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie: LORD, HAVE MERCY

Land of Rest, arr. Richard Proulx; Trad. Liturgical

Text Kyrie

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Lector: In first century Christianity, Paul wrote these words to the church in Corinth:

(Eucharistic Minister lights the first Advent candle)

Lector: God has given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in Christ, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has strengthened among you— you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Advent is the season when we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ made new again in the baby of Bethlehem. God sends the peace of Christ to Earth.

Lector: On the first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle named hope. May this light ever remind us God is hope. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT *of the* DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..**Amen.**

THE WORD *of* GOD

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord!

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE EPISTLE:

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

EVEN SO COME

by: Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, Jason Ingram

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon. (*Chorus*)

So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait; You're coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing,
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was

coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Charles Hamill

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Form 1 BCP p. 383

The celebrant says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city Old Saybrook, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, racism and degradation, and for cessation of war and hostilities across the world, especially in Russia and Ukraine and the Holy Land, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 360, BCP)

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

WITH JOY I HEARD MY FRIENDS EXCLAIM (PSALM 122)

by: Hal H. Hopson, Sussex Carol, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

With joy I heard my friends exclaim: "Come, let us in God's temple meet."
Within your gates, O Zion blest, shall ever stand our willing feet.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

How beautiful does Zion stand, a city built compact and fair;
the people of the Lord unite with joy and praise to worship there.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

They come to learn the will of God, to pay their vows, God's grace to own,
for there is judgment's royal seat, Messiah's sure and lasting throne.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

For Zion's peace let prayers be made; may all that love you prosper well!
Within your walls let peace abide, and gladness with your children dwell.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

For love of friends and kindred dear, my heart's desire is Zion's peace,
and for the house of God, the Lord, my loving care shall never cease.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord. Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

by: Isaac Watts, William Keathe, Thomas Ken, John Hatton, George Coles, Roberta Martin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B (BCP pg. 367)

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-130

by: Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever..

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONGS

WE HAVE COME INTO HIS HOUSE

by: Bruce T. Ballinger

We have come into His house, and gathered in His name to worship Him.

We have come into His house, and gathered in His name to worship Him.

**We have come into His house, and gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord, worship Christ the Lord.**

Let's forget about ourselves, and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

Let's forget about ourselves, and concentrate on Him and worship Him.

**Let's forget about ourselves, and concentrate on Him
and worship Christ the Lord, worship Christ the Lord.**

Let us lift up holy hands, and magnify His name, and worship Him.

Let us lift up holy hands, and magnify His name, and worship Him.

**Let us lift up holy hands, and magnify His name,
and worship Christ the Lord, worship Christ the Lord.**

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD (SING HALLELUJAH)

by: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,

brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.

**Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight.**

Light of the World, from the beginning
the tragedies of time were no match for Your love.
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.
God, You entered in and became one of us.

Chorus: Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World, crown in a manger,
born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.
We are the richer by the price that He paid. *(Chorus)*

Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.
And there He shall reign forevermore. *(Chorus)*

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PRAYER of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those unable to receive communion today)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN #58

LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Celebrant and People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Open The Eyes Of My Heart
by: Paul Baloche; arr. Bethany Hamill
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Either during the service or during prayer time at home, please keep the prayers of Grace Church and the people going! Please keep us up to date on names to add and remove.

WE PRAY FOR: Kate, Myra, Lisa, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Bill Ross, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola and family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, Dick Watson, Judy Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Jim Donahue, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Daniella, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, Marlena, Linda, Don, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Yvonne, Chuck Hoffman, Gianna Porcelli, Gabby, Donell, Jacob, Jan, Lee, Jennifer Jaramillo and Jillian.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino and Madeline Sheahan.

FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Bill, Chuck and Ellendale, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Early Head Start, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort, Russ & Heidi Smith in Chile, and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia: St. Paul's with Christ Church Chapel, Bantam. As well as for Postulants & candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: November 30th – December 7th

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED	
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner, Old Saybrook)
	7:00 pm	Con Brio Choral Society Rehearsal (Merrill Hall)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Hudson Room)
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Healing Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday	7-8:30 pm	Advent Bible Study: Just James & Dessert (Merrill Hall)
Friday	10:00 am	Women of grace Book Study (Hudson Room)
Saturday	10:00 am	Grace Church Holiday Fair
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DATES

(All events will be held at Grace Church in the Sanctuary or Merrill Hall)

Advent Bible Study

Just James & Dessert

December 4th, 11th & 18th: Thursday Nights from 7-8:30pm

Grace Church Holiday Fair

Saturday December 6th, 10am-2pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th, ONE service @ 5pm

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th, ONE service @ 10am

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

CELEBRANT/PREACHER:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
CHOIR:	Joe & Jeannette Barone, Jenn & Bill Benway, JoAnn Eaccarino, Meredith Hall, Dick Mason, Bob Mulvihill, Bill Passera, Bill Peace	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	John Klages	8 am
	Julie Peace	10 am
LECTOR:	Devin Carney	10 am
USHERS:	Michell Briggs, Jacquelyn Mitchell	8 am
	Penny Coleman, Fred Kmietek	10 am
NURSERY:	Karen Mulvihill, Betty Jo Stosse	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Ken Soudan	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Barbara Roman, Kate Mason	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Penny Coleman, Betty Salldin	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector, The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Hoffman
Priest Associate, The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. William “Bill” Veinot
Music Director, Bethany Hamill
Parish Administrator, Kate McKinney
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

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GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Giving Tree & “Socks for All” 2025

The Giving Tree and “Socks for All” Box are set up in the foyer of Merrill Hall adorned with green/red tags for purchases of a Gift Cards or Socks at the various stores and grocery stores in our area.

When purchasing your gift card, please be certain to attach your RECEIPT/GIFT RECEIPT to the gift card. Thank you!

The deadline for returning gift cards/receipts and socks is ADVENT 3, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th.

It is important that a Gift Card/Receipt or Socks are given directly to a specific person versus leaving under the tree. Those specific people would be Pastor Charlie, Julie Peace, Parish Sexton Sherry Schiavone, or Karen Condren.

If you are unable to select a tag from the Giving Tree and you would still like to participate in our annual Giving Tree program, merely choose a business from the list below and purchase a gift card/receipt in any denomination and then contact Karen Condren for Drop-off.

The various businesses include, but are not limited to:

*Stop & Shop, Big Y, Kohl's, Marshall's, TJ Maxx, Walmart, CVS, Ulta, any of the Outlet Stores in Clinton or other local stores.

Thank you and Blessings,

Karen Condren, Contact Person

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Just James & Dessert

A 3-Week Advent Bible Study on the Book of James

Thursday Evenings 7:00-8:30pm: December 4th, 11th and 18th

At Grace Church with coffee/tea and desserts provided! Pastor Charlie will lead a short study of two chapters of James each Thursday, along with some table discussion and Evening Prayer. Signup in the church entryway.

Grace Church's Holiday Fair is this coming Saturday!

Saturday Dec. 6 from 10am-2pm!

So please gather your treasures: dinnerware, antiques, toys, jewelry, handmade crafts, artwork, pottery, gift cards, items for silent auction, and other unique items to donate. Note: THIS IS NOT A TAG SALE. Your donations can be brought to the church undercroft after Sunday services or during the week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 beginning in November. Baked goods will be gladly accepted the evening before the sale from 4-7 PM or early the morning of the sale from 8-9 AM allow time for pricing. We will be needing lots of helping hands on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning November 4th to sort and price the donated items. For more information or questions, text or call JoAnn (860-961-9832) or Cherie (860-388-8106) or see us after church. Stay tuned for more information as the date comes closer. We look forward to another successful Fair and most importantly spreading the Word that Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

The Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study are starting a 6-week study called “Advent of the Savior” meeting **Friday mornings at 10am** in Grace Church’s Hudson Room. For more information you can check our website:

<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study>.

Men’s Bible Study is meeting IN-PERSON on Mondays at 12 Noon!
at the Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook

For more information on this Men’s Bible Study please feel free to email Charley Bates at **charley.bates@yahoo.com** or you can go to our website:

<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>. Currently the men are studying Exodus.

Grace Church Men's Discipleship:

Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am

NEXT Gathering: TBD

Once a month from 8am-10am Pastor Charlie gathers with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The first hour we gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we delve into some Scripture and readings from various Christian spiritual classics. Currently we are reading Thomas Merton's *No Man is an Island*. Through the readings and asking questions, we are hoping to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and learn to support one another as brothers in Christ. For more info contact Pastor Charlie at [**gracechurchrector@gmail.com**](mailto:gracechurchrector@gmail.com).

Feeding the hungry one donation at a time...

SSKP Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

Grace Church is always accepting non-perishable food donations throughout the year. A basket is present outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7 to place donations in, or you can bring donations into the church entryway by the patio and place them in the colored bins. If you are curious as to what kind of foods they are in need of most you can go to their website at <https://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org>. In addition you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

Altar Flower Memorials

The Altar Guild is always accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory or in celebration of loved ones. For more information ease contact Betty Salldin at [**bettysalldin@gmail.com**](mailto:bettysalldin@gmail.com).

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Penny Coleman). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info.

Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests **9:00am to 8:30pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook

We are a community of faith, rooted in Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, following God's call to feed the hungry in both body and spirit.

Our intention is to know Jesus and to make Him known.

You are welcome regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey.

Currently our in-person worship services are Sundays at 8am and 10am with Holy Communion (the 10am is also live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube), and we offer a Healing Service with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands and Anointing on the First Wednesday of each month at 10am in the sanctuary. Go to our website graceoldsaybrook.org for more info and for bulletins to download for the 10am live-stream service.

Whether you are just exploring a new spiritual direction, curious about the Episcopal Church, or are ready to find a new church home, feel free to fill out a welcome card and place it in the collection plate, sign our guest book, or contact the church by phone or email for more info.

Grace Church is a close-knit community called by God to share the healing love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are also engaged in the greater local and regional community in various outreach ministries as well. If interested, ask us how you can get involved in what Christ is doing at Grace, in Old Saybrook and Connecticut!! Or better yet, tell us where you find God at work in your life, and tell us how we can help or get involved!

If you have any questions, feel free to call, email or Facebook us.

We hope your visit to Grace was Spirit-filled, welcoming and meaningful.

In Christ,

The Rev. Charlie Hamill, Rector, and the People of Grace Church

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